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AGRICULTURAL FAIRS NUMBER



HERE'S HOPING, MISS "COLORED EXHIBITORS," THAT YOU MAY RECEIVE MANY "BLUE RIBBONS" AND FIRST PRIZES AT THE FAIRS

WINNERS FROM THE SOIL

Colored Heroes of the Farm

HARRY W. CAGE

A Farmer in Spite of the City of St. Louis

This is not the story of a farmer who counts his possessions in hundreds of acres; but it is a brief record of a type of man, in all fields of endeavor which must be given consideration whenever one writes or speaks of those who have done great things, not because of splendid opportunities, but because they did and do so well the things to which they put their hands, in smaller fields than are true of many of their neighbors.

A Man Not Charmed By City Life

According to the views of many country people who want to leave their farms for the "good times" of the city, Mr. Harry W. Cage of St. Louis, Missouri, must be a "funny man," because, instead of enjoying the crowds, the noise, the moving picture shows, the big stores and parks and street cars and fine churches, this man, once every week puts aside his city duties and goes to the place where he is doing some farm work. Think of it: A colored man who cannot be forced to forget agricultural work; no, not even by all the pleasures and beauty and show and excitement of the great city of St. Louis.

Farming Like A Scandinavian

Mr. Cage is a janitor in one of the buildings of the city; so he cannot devote much of his time to his farm; and because of this, he has not tried to use much land, but carries on a part of his farming operations in the western part of St. Louis, on a city lot, seventy-five feet by one hundred and seventy feet.

On this small garden spot, he grows tomatoes, cabbage, beets and lettuce plants for sale, besides the matured cabbage, beans, tomatoes, lettuce and other greens which he sells to the trade.

Besides these, he has chickens, ducks, pigeons and bees. In every respect, Mr. Cage has learned to farm like the Scandinavian, that is, by growing a great many things on a small spot of ground. Mr. Cage does not own a farm but is struggling to purchase one.

Has Succeeded With Bees

Forty-nine miles from St. Louis he has 65 stands of bees and a large number of pigeons. From these two sources, most of his profits are received.

What Plan and Method Will Do

It will be of interest to those persons who never get ahead because they are too busy to "branch out" to learn that Mr. Cage's method is to work his little home garden mornings and evenings, going to his janitor work every day. In addition to this, he goes out to his bees and pigeons one afternoon each week; and yet this man with such limited opportunities has built up a regular business in selling pure honey, bees-wax, bees, Barred Plymouth Rock chickens and eggs, Pekin ducks and eggs, squabs and baby chickens; and at 2737 Semple Avenue, St. Louis, he is doing a work of which he may justly be proud.

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A Man Who Says "My"

The key to Mr. Cage's character is found in the fact that he uses the word, "My," when speaking of the produce and animals on his farm spot. "My bees" and "my honey" and "my wax" and "my pigeons" are phrases which he often uses. Whenever a man speaks in this way of his work, one may be sure that he loves it; and if a man love his work, he will succeed in it. Selah.

WHY YOU SHOULD EXHIBIT AT FAIRS

You should place your farm products on exhibition at the fair to show what you have done; to try for one of the prizes—this will encourage you much if you win; to compare what you have been calling fine products with those of other persons; to advertise your county or State; to get the attention of wealthy merchants and dealers who are looking for

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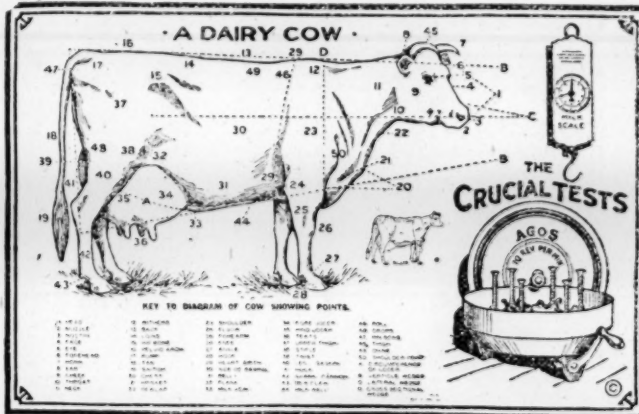
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Editor The Negro Farmer,

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H. BORDEN,
Marthaville, La.

You doubtless mean Secretary Houston, and you must have meant to ask about the cotton crop. We are not certain whether Secretary has given any such advice as you mention. It may interest you to know, however, that practically every person who is well versed on the cotton situation advises farmers to hold their cotton.

This paper has said very little to colored farmers about holding their cotton because it knows that there are not many of our farmers who are able to do so. But where the farmer is in good financial condition, he should by all means hold his cotton for a better price.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS

Exhibitors of agricultural products at fairs are slow to realize what constitute premium winning materials. Too much emphasis is placed on quantity and not enough on quality and uniformity. This is particularly true of vegetables and allied products.

The success of any fair is governed largely by the nature of its exhibits, so it devolves upon the officers of fair associations to endeavor to have their exhibitors display only their best products. How to accomplish this is somewhat of a problem. It may be possible through the dissemination of literature on how to select and arrange exhibits, and indirectly through failure to award prizes to materials which are not first class.

There is still another method which might be brought into use, and one which is deserving of consideration. After the decisions are made at a fair, the judges could give a talk to the exhibitors on arrangement and display of exhibits. Comparisons could be made between good and poor exhibits, and even though the feeling of certain exhibitors might be slightly injured, nevertheless valuable lessons would be obtained. Successful fairs are largely the result of good and attractive exhibits and it should be the aim of all fair associations to solicit only the best.

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WINDFALL APPLES MAY BE CANNED AND USED FOR PIE FILLING, APPLE SAUCE, ETC.

Windfall apples, which are often left on the ground to rot, may be made to serve a useful purpose by the economical housewife. A little forethought and labor at this time of the year spent on a despised product of the orchard may supply the winter table with many an appetizing and wholesome dish which otherwise would either be lacking or supplied at a higher cost.

Windfall apples may be canned whole and used as a breakfast dish, for desserts, salads, or baked. There will be many which are too much marred for canning whole. In this case, the marred places may be removed and the apples sliced and canned for either pie filling or for apple sauce. Following are the recipes for thus taking care of windfall apples:

Whole Windfall Apples Canned

Select firm, not overripe apples. A great difference in the canned products will be noted in the different varieties of apples. This recipe is intended for firm and preferably tart varieties. Some varieties will require less time and some more.

Remove blemishes, cut out core. Blanch for 2 minutes in boiling water; plunge in cold water. Pack in tin cans or glass jars and add just a little very thin sirup. Put on rubber and top and partially tighten. (Cap and tip tins.) Sterilize 20 minutes in hot water bath, 15 minutes in water seal, 10 minutes in steam-pressure outfit, or 6 minutes in pressure cooker. Remove jars, tighten covers, and invert to cool.

Apples canned in this way make a product that is generally wasted available for apple salads, dumplings, breakfast apple dishes, apple potpies, and baked apples.

Windfall Apples for Pie Filling

Peel and core; slice; scald 2 minutes in boiling water; plunge in cold water; pack in glass or tin, and add about 1 teacupful of hot, thin sirup to each quart; put on rubber and top, partially tighten (cap and tip tins); sterilize 16 minutes in hot-water bath, 12 minutes in water seal outfit, 10 minutes under 5 pounds of steam, or 4 minutes in pressure cooker; remove jars, tighten cover, invert to cool. This is a good method of utilizing the good portions of partially decayed apples.

Note.—The thin sirup mentioned in these recipes is made as follows: One and one-half cups of sugar to 1 cup of water, brought to boiling.—Weekly News Letter, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

RENEW ACQUAINTANCE WITH YOUR COW

Milk, butter and cheese add considerably to the diet of the family. The farmer will do well to pay more attention to his cow from now on so she will be in good condition to give plenty of rich milk and butter.

THE MEANING OF "BLUE RIBBONS"

It is customary at agricultural and many other fairs and expositions to offer premiums

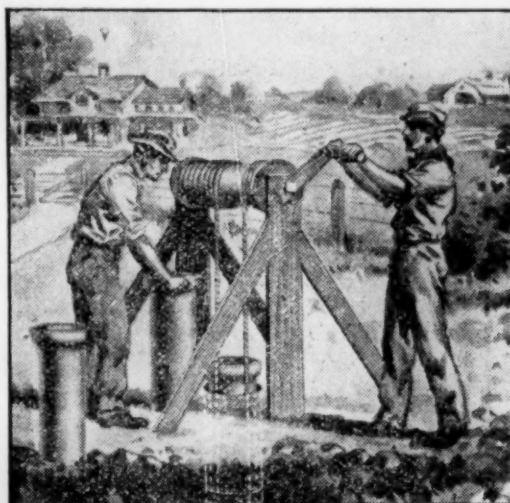
(prizes) for the best exhibits of certain things—best cabbage, for example. There are usually first, second, third prizes, and still lower. The person receiving the "First Prize" is generally given, also, a blue ribbon. Therefore, to say that an exhibition received a blue ribbon is to say that he received the first prize for a certain thing.

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These vermin eat through the wall to the other side, and then you have an opening in your well for the insects that live in the ground by which to enter. The first thing you know your well, instead of being a place of cleanliness and the water inviting is a cesspool of germs, and after some of your family is at death's door with typhoid or malaria fever, you will wonder why you did not have your well lined with SALT GLAZED PIPE.

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SELLING TIME

Are you watching the market reports? Are you feeding a hen ten cents worth of grain a month for a half dozen eggs? Are you keeping the cockrels because you want to sell bulk? Don't you know that three months from now you will get a third less for hens than you can get now, that in the meantime they will cost you in feed and labor and house room about all they will bring then? Which means that what they bring now is clear profit. Don't you know that two-thirds of the flock have quit laying for good—that these early quitters are your poorest layers? That hens do not pay as early winter layers when eggs are highest? That as cockrels increase in weight the price per pound decreases? That a two pound cockerel in May and June is worth as much as he will ever bring on the market? That if you keep him longer all the feed and labor given him is thrown away? That the room he uses would be worth money to the growing pullets? That every one killed or lost is fifty cents lost?

We all know these things, we are just too busy to get busy and clean up the flock. But think it over, thinking pays even in raising chickens. The market price is just about at the top and when your neighbors all send in the stuff—when everybody has time to market their poultry, poultry prices are going to come down to where we find "chickens don't pay."

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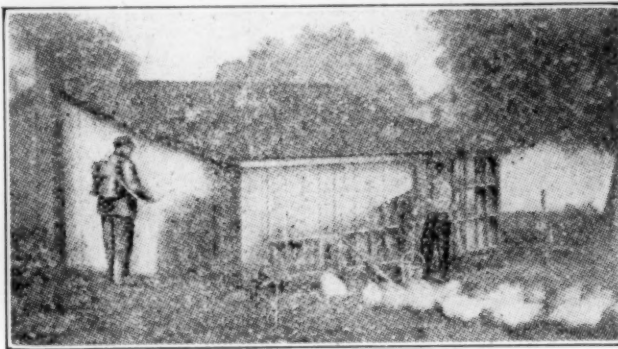
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The Editor's Page

DON'T STOP THE CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

The Negro Farmer is in dead earnest in making its plea to colored farmers to reduce expenses in the face of the war situation. There are certain expenses, however, that ought not to be reduced. One of them is the expense for the education of children.

Many of our farmers will feel inclined to stop the children from going to school until times are better.

Don't do that.

Education is not a luxury, that is, it is not dessert, or as our farmer friends call it, "here-after;" but it is one of the necessities. When the man goes a courting and asks the woman of his choice to help him build a home, and when the woman promises so to do, and when they get permission from the State to be joined in wedlock, they are promising that if children are born to bless their union they will

"bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," and that such children shall be able to "Render unto Cesar the things that are Cesar's."

"The Lord," said Hannah of old, "is a God of knowledge;" and, he has promised (Isaiah 33:6) that "Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times;" and in such high esteem does He hold education that He has spoken of just such a time as the present war and said (Is. 30:20): "And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more; but thine eyes shall see thy teachers." The reason for this is well stated by Hosea (4:6), who quotes the Lord as saying: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Again, it is well settled that however good his intentions may be, a man can not discharge his full duty to his State unless he has an educated head to see and know what is right; an educated heart and will to make him desire to do the right; and a trained hand to help him minister to the necessities of his body.

It is clear, then, that a family is under obligations to its God and to the State to educate its own children.

More than that—and we want every family to get this truth: Although we teach children to be grateful to their parents for all the latter give them—and it is proper so to teach—it is the duty of all parents to educate all of their children, even if the children are ungrateful, for, mark this, **no child ever asked to be born.** The parents are always wholly responsible for the child's birth—Think about this—and if the child comes into the world with a rebellious, ungrateful bad heart, the parents are all the more under obligations to try to train that child so that society will not be cursed by a life gone wrong.

Now hear "the conclusion of the whole matter." If a man advise you that you'd better take your children out of school on account of the war, he'll bear watching. Either he is thoughtless, and if he is, he isn't worth listening to; is envious of the start you are giving your children in life, in which case you can't afford to pay attention to him; or he wishes your children harm, and is, therefore, your enemy.

Drink "pot-liquor," eat more corn-bread deny yourself ~~some~~ more and keep the chaps in school; and after you have done that, you don't deserve any praise, for you have done no more than your duty.

CUT THEM OFF THE LIST

In his recent message to Congress, President Wilson asked that special new taxes be laid to raise one hundred million dollars which the Government needs. Some Congressmen suggested that the tax be laid on gasoline, railroad and amusement tickets, beer, domestic wines, whiskey, tobacco and tobacco products, chewing gum, soft drinks and playing cards. These taxes are heeded, he said. If these taxes are laid, cut all the articles above off your list of expenses, as far as possible.

LET YOUR WIFE GO TO THE FAIR

Let your wife go to the Agricultural Fair and help her to send some of her preserves and canned goods to be put on exhibition. It will encourage her.

WHY VISIT A COUNTY OR STATE AGRICULTURAL FAIR?

Farmers in particular should visit agricultural fairs to see what different things can be grown in the county or State; to see what splendid products can be grown and to find out how they are grown; to learn where to buy certain high-grade seed or stock; to get acquainted with the "blue ribbon" people for inspiration; to exchange ideas; and for new suggestions.

PREPARE TO PLANT OATS

This is the best advice that can be handed out to farmers of the South these days of low-priced cotton and high-priced feed. Every community boasts its small farmers or large planters who have made a success of oats raising during the past year or two, and the advantages of growing this remunerative and satisfactory crop are freely recognized where in past years they were not.

Oats, with an accompanying crop of lespedeza, or followed by other leguminous hay crops such as cow peas or soy beans, insures two valuable and easily raised crops for the Southern farm. Corn promises to be too high-priced next year for the average farmer to afford its feeding in making low-priced cotton, and with great numbers corn will probably become a money crop in the displacement of cotton. By all means let everyone strive to get in as large a fall sowing of oats as can possibly be arranged. Few will regret it.

Considering that October or November sowing of oats gives such superior yields to that sown in late winter or early spring, the returns amply repay for the special effort at early fall planting. It might also be well to try a portion of the oat field in the early maturing Fulghum variety so distributing the harvest over a longer period.—Modern Farming.

PREPARING STOCK FOR SHOW RING

T. A. Rouse, South Carolina

Those who plan to place cattle in the show rings this fall and winter should start preparing them about six weeks before the show. This can be done by blanketing them, causing perspiration which brings out secretions to the hair and hide. Cattle should be gone over twice a day during preparation, and groomed with currycomb, brush and cloths.

In the case of beef cattle, the general practice is to leave the blankets on all day and to keep them in the barn out of the sun, as the sun burns and parches the skin. They should be turned out of the barn at night. Beef cattle in preparation for the show should be washed three times a week.

About a week before the animals start for the fairs, the long hair should be clipped from the ears and from the tail bone. Also begin to polish and put in shape the horns, first scraping them with glass, then sand-papering them thoroughly. On the day of the show the horns should be polished with metal polish or a polish of pumice stone and sweet oil, using a flannel cloth.—Southern Farming.

FARMERS' DICTIONARY

WAR NEWS

All the war news may be summed up in the two statements—(1) So far as can be learned, the Allies, that is, England, France, and Russia, have the advantage over Germany and Austria-Hungary; and (2) the world still knows very little about what is happening on the battle front.

TALK OF PEACE

Talk of peace is in the air; and it is believed that if any country can do anything toward stopping the war and getting the warring nations to listen to terms of peace, it is the United States, since that country is not "mixed" in the European quarrels.

President Wilson does not believe, or, at the time when this is written—September 18—did not believe that the countries at war are ready to listen to peace terms just yet.

CONTEST CLOSES

Vines Wins Two Prizes—\$20.00. Writes Best Essay—Sends Greatest number of Subscribers

THE NEGRO FARMER'S big prize Contest has closed. It ended Saturday evening, Sept. 12th.

We find, upon examination that Mr. James W. Vines, of Dadeville, Alabama, has defeated all the contestants and won the prize. It was very difficult, at first to decide the contest, inasmuch as there were a number of persons in it who had done splendid work. We sincerely congratulate all the contestants, and at the same time thank them for the aid they have given our subscription Department by their work.

However, "to the victor belong the spoils"—and the Prize Money is being sent to Mr. Vines for his excellent work in winning out over all others. He came out 115 subscribers ahead of all others, notwithstanding the very creditable work done by most of the Agents of THE NEGRO FARMER in the contest. We shall have more to say in our next issue regarding this, and a cut of the young man who carried off the honors.

The Staff of The Negro Farmer

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Dates on Which State Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions Will Be Held

(The letters represent the names of the months and the figures the dates.)

Alabama, Birmingham..... S 28-O 10
Arkansas, Hot Springs..... N 16-21
British Columbia, N. Westminster..... S 29-O 3
California, Sacramento..... S 12-19
Canadian national, Toronto, Ont..... A 29-S 14
Colorado, National Western stock show, Denver..... Jan. 17-23, '15
Colorado, Pueblo..... S 14-19
Connecticut, Berlin..... S 23-27
Delaware, Wilmington..... S 8-11
Georgia, Macon..... N 3-13
Idaho intermountain, Boise..... S 28-O 3
Illinois, International live stock exposition, U. S. yards, Chicago, Ill..... N 28-D 5
Interstate live stock, Sioux City, Ia..... S 21-26
Illinois, Springfield..... S 18-26
Indiana, Indianapolis..... S 7-11
International live stock, Chicago, Ill..... N 28-D 5
Iowa, Des Moines..... A 26-S 3
Louisiana, Shreveport..... N 4-11
Kansas, Topeka..... S 14-19
Massachusetts, Brockton..... S 29-O 2
Maine, Lewiston..... S 7-10
Maryland, Hagerstown..... O 13-16
Michigan, Detroit..... S 7-18
Minnesota, Hamline..... S 7-12

WHAT TO EXHIBIT AT AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

The Macon County, Ala., Fair Association sums up so well the things which should be exhibited at Agricultural fairs that we are republishing its statements for the benefit of those who plan to make an exhibit at one such fair:

"Our fair has already been found to be the most valuable Association in the county towards interesting all of the people in the great fundamental need of increased production. This in itself is sufficient reason for the existence of such an organization, but since the main feature of a fair is its exhibits, a large proportion of the farmers in the county must put something on exhibition. Since the main purpose of the Fair is to improve rural life in all of its phases, the exhibits should be of a kind that will illustrate its improvement.

"The bases, therefore, should be exhibits from the farm, the garden (vegetables and flowers), orchards, house, poultry, domestic animals, agricultural implements and machinery, manufactured articles, models of country homes, with sanitary surroundings and modern conveniences, and educational exhibits of methods, courses of study, school buildings and grounds, school gardens adapted to rural conditions and models of country churches. After this end has been contributed to, it is the duty of every person interested in the Fair to see that the rest of the population of the county know the dates and they should all be encouraged to attend for the benefit of the educational advantages offered."

Mississippi, Jackson..... O 26-31
Missouri, American royal live stock show, Kansas City..... N 16-24
Missouri, Sedalia..... S 26-O 2
Montana, Helena..... S 21-26
National dairy show, Chicago, Ill..... O 22-31
Nebraska, Lincoln..... S 7-11
New Jersey, Trenton..... S 28-O 2
New York, Syracuse..... A 31-S 5
North Carolina, Raleigh..... O 19-24
Ohio, Columbus..... A 31-S 4
Oklahoma, Oklahoma City..... S 22-O 3
Oregon, Salem..... S 28-O 3
South Carolina, Columbia..... O 26-31
South Dakota, Huron..... S 14-17
Southern States Pan-American, New Orleans, La..... N 8, '14-A 18, '15
Tennessee, Memphis..... S 26-O 3
Texas, Dallas..... O 17-N 1
Texas, cotton palace, Waco..... O 31-N 15
Utah, Salt Lake City..... O 5-10
Vancouver, B. C. Vancouver..... S 3-12
Vermont, White River Junction..... S 15-20
Virginia, Richmond..... O 5-10
Washington, Spokane..... S 12-20
West Michigan, Grand Rapids..... S 1-7
West Virginia, Wheeling..... S 7-11
Wisconsin, Milwaukee..... S 14-18
Wyoming, Cheyenne..... S 29-O 2

USE GAME FOR FOOD

Do not neglect to use all of the fish and game you can get for food. They will help reduce your food bills.

WATCH WHAT YOU SEE

Go to the agricultural fair with your eyes wide open, and watch everything. Not only that, but ask questions about the articles you see on exhibition and find out how they were grown or produced.

Onions

Onions intended for winter use should be thoroughly cured as soon as possible after harvesting, by being kept in a dry place where the air can circulate freely about them. Some growers spread their onions in a thin layer on the floor of the corn crib; others place them in shallow, slatted trays stacked under an open shed, or exposed to the sun during the day and placed under cover at night. The bulbs may also be spread thinly on the floor of a barn loft or the attic of a house. No matter where they are placed, they must be kept dry and have a free circulation of air about them.

After the onions are cured, they keep best at a low temperature. If the cellar is as cool as it should be for the storage of most crops, onions will keep fairly well if placed in market baskets hung on the joists at the top of the cellar. Frequent ventilation of the cellar, especially when the outside air is dry, will improve the conditions for the onions. If milk and butter are to be kept in the cellar, the onions had better be somewhere else. They can frequently be kept in the attic all winter if placed close enough to the chimney to prevent freezing.—Illinois Experiment Station.

PREPARING FOR WINTER EGG-PRODUCTION

Clean the poultry buildings early—and keep them clean!

Lice should be dealt one last, fatal blow, as they stick closer and are even more detrimental in winter than in summer.

Building-paper on the inside of the open poultry house, and cheap roofing or corn-fodder on the outside, will promote egg-production this winter.

To make some provision for the absence of the summer-time greenness this winter, all surplus cabbage, turnips, apples, beets, etc., should be saved and stored for the poultry.

Grit being highly essential to egg-production in winter, a load of clean sand now will provide the poultry with it and save your buying the commercial grit when the ground is frozen.

A shed open to the south for sunlight is indispensable to winter egg-production, as it affords a place where the layers can secure the essential exercise on stormy days by scratching around in the litter for their grain.

Your layers cannot do their best without the dust-bath this winter, which is not obtainable after the ground freezes up. Store several boxes or barrels of fine, dry field or road-dust, and mix one-third ashes with it for the dust-bath when the ground is frozen till the "bid-dies" cannot wallow in the fresh earth.

With corn at a high price, and considering that it is too fattening for the layers except as an evening meal in winter, now is the time to secure cane-heads, oats and wheat in the sheaf, kafir and milo maize in the head, millet in the bulk, etc., since these grains are not only cheaper than corn (price and quality considered), but they are of higher value in egg-production, healthier for the fowls, and in the above-mentioned form, furnish additional exercise for the poultry in picking out the grain. —"Mac," in Successful Farming.

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Teachers in grammar and high schools.....75	Working at trades.....246	Undertakers and embalmers..5
Doctors.....30	Bankers.....3	Contractors and builders.....8
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	Jeanes teachers.....7	Farmers.....326
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For Lorpil Liver, use dandelions as a steady diet, using the water in which they are boiled as the base of a syrup to be drunk.

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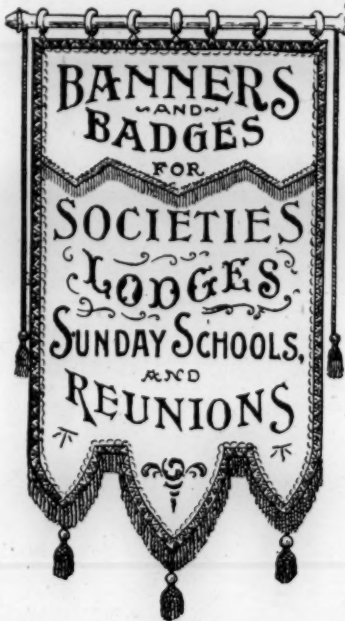
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Thus far the Negro Farmer has received notice of the following agricultural fairs, in connection with colored people:

Alabama

Birmingham.—The Alabama State Fair and Exhibit Association has a Negro Department and has set apart one day for the colored people. The Fair managers have decided to allow a portion of the proceeds arising from "Negro Day" for the purpose of beginning a permanent fund out of which to erect a Negro building. Premiums to the amount of \$350 will be given to exhibitors in the colored department. At the close of the Fair—the Sunday following—the colored people will have the use of the fair grounds for a sacred concert in which the Tuskegee Institute Band, the band from Tuggle Institute and a large chorus of voices will have prominent parts. The dates are September 28th to October 10th. Dr. U. G. Mason is Director, and Mr. G. W. A. Johnston is Secretary.

Montgomery.—The Negro Department of the Alabama Agricultural and Industrial Exposition has Dr. Booker T. Washington for its director and Mr. W. M. Rakestraw as the Superintendent. The fair opens October 12th and closes on October 17th. One thousand dollars (\$1,000) in premiums will be devoted to the colored department. Daily demonstrations along agricultural lines will be given. All railroads running into Montgomery have granted special low rates from all points in Alabama, and, in addition, excursions will be run on various days from towns in Georgia, Mississippi and Florida. Negro Field Day will be October 17. Write Mr. Rakestraw, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, for the Premium list.

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Tennessee

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North Carolina

The North Carolina Industrial Association will hold its fair from October 26th to 31st. Secretary J. H. Love, of Raleigh, N. C., will be glad to give any needed information about the fair.

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